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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-281408, which was published on October 31, 1997, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,956,177 to NISHIKATA et al., which issued on September 21, 1999; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 36-8859, which was published on April 20, 1961, together with an English language translation of the same.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed. However, if any a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted Japanese documents are attached and all of the documents have

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been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate

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official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant

application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted

material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in

the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary to

ensure consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to the

undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Atsushi DENPO et al.

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